

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA

June 13, 2006

Amigos de los Rios, a California nonprofit organization, in conjunction with various cities and community, water and environmental stakeholders, propose the Emerald Necklace, a 17-mile interconnected network of non-motorized multi-use trails which includes equestrian, hiking, and bike paths, parks, and greenways along the Rio Hondo and San Gabriel Rivers. The Emerald Necklace will unify more than 1,500 acres of parks, open spaces, and habitat corridors while reconnecting the historically linked Rio Hondo and San Gabriel Rivers. The Emerald Necklace will significantly enhance recreational opportunities for the surrounding communities, and will integrate educational elements to promote watershed stewardship. The design of watershed education programs that create this awareness is of fundamental importance in teaching citizens good pollution prevention practices in their environment.

The Emerald Necklace will encircle nearly a half-million residents in the Cities of Arcadia, Baldwin Park, Duarte, El Monte, Industry, Irwindale, Montebello, Pico Rivera, Rosemead, South El Monte, Temple City, Whittier, and County of Los Angeles unincorporated areas of Avocado Heights and Bassett. The Emerald Necklace will offer invaluable benefits to the communities along its route as well as to visitors throughout the region.

MOTION

Molina \_\_\_\_\_

Burke \_\_\_\_\_

Yaroslavsky \_\_\_\_\_

Knabe \_\_\_\_\_

Antonovich \_\_\_\_\_

I. THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board adopt the following Resolution to encourage the concept of developing the Emerald Necklace, with Public Works, Flood Control District, and Parks and Recreation working in conjunction with Amigos de los Rios, the various cities along the Emerald Necklace, the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, and engaged stakeholders to implement the Emerald Necklace vision.

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A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING  
THE EMERALD NECKLACE

WHEREAS, the Emerald Necklace is a proposal for a 17-mile interconnected network of nonmotorized multiuse trails which includes equestrian and hiking trails and bike paths, parks, and greenways along the Rio Hondo and San Gabriel Rivers; and

WHEREAS, the Rio Hondo and San Gabriel Rivers and their tributaries are part of a significant ecological area that is home to a rich variety of plants and animals and provides a welcome sanctuary for the people who call this region home; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Emerald Necklace will encircle nearly a half-million residents in the Cities of Arcadia, Baldwin Park, Duarte, El Monte, Industry, Irwindale, Montebello, Pico Rivera, Rosemead, South El Monte, Temple City, Whittier, and County of Los Angeles unincorporated areas of Avocado Heights and Bassett; and

WHEREAS, the Emerald Necklace will unify more than 1,500 acres of parks, open spaces, and habitat corridors, while reconnecting the historically linked Rio Hondo and San Gabriel Rivers; and

WHEREAS, the Emerald Necklace will significantly enhance recreational opportunities for the surrounding communities suffering from the effects of urban density, including obesity, asthma, Type II diabetes, and hypertension; and

WHEREAS, the planting of native trees and shrubs along the Emerald Necklace would help reduce air pollution; and

WHEREAS, the Emerald Necklace is proposed by the participating cities, Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, stakeholders engaged in the Emerald Necklace and by the nonprofit organization Amigos de los Rios; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the projects within the Emerald Necklace are on County-owned right of way and the Departments of Public Works, the Flood Control District, and Parks and Recreation will be working with the cities and/or Amigos de los Rios to implement the vision; and

WHEREAS, Amigos de los Rios is requesting support to build consensus and a shared vision for the principles of the Emerald Necklace.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that because of all these benefits the Emerald Necklace may offer to the communities along its route, as well as to visitors throughout the region, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles encourages the concept of developing the Emerald Necklace.

The foregoing Resolution was on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio of the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Executive Officer of the  
Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Los Angeles

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.  
County Counsel